

A Catechisme for young Children.

Appointed by Act of the Church and Council of Scotland, to be learned in all Far
and Lecture-Schooles in the said Kingdome.

PROV. 22. 6.

Train up a child in the way he should goe; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.



Question.

Ho made man?

A. God.

Q. In what estate made he him?

A. Perfectly holy in body & soule.

Q. How fell he from that good estate?

A. By breaking of the Com-

mandement of God.

Q. What punishment followed thair upon?

A. Death and condemnations to him and his posteritie.

Q. How are we deliverid thair frae?

A. By Gods free mercie in Jesus Christ.

Q. What kind of person is Jesus Christ?

A. He is verie God and verie Man in one person.

Q. Why call ye him verie God?

A. Because he is the eternall Sonne of God of one and the selfe same Godhead with the Father and holy Ghost.

Q. Why call ye him verie Man?

A. Because he is like us in all things, sinne onely except.

Q. Why was he without sinne?

A. That he might be ane unpotted Sacrifice for sinne.

Q. What has he done for us?

A. He died for our sinnes, and rose for our righte-
ousnesse.

Q. Ar all men that perished in Adam saved be Christ?

A. No, but only those that hath trow faith in him.

Q. What call ye trow Faith?

A. It is the trow knowledge of Jesus Christ, with assurance of salvation in him.

Q. Rehearse the Articles of your Faith.

A. I beleve in God the Father Almighty, ma-

1. ker of Heaven and Earth.

2. And in Jesus Christ his onely Son our Lord.

3. Who was conceived of the holy Ghost: borne of the Virgine Marie:

4. Sufferid under Pontius Pilat, wes crucified, dead, and buried, he descended into Hell.

5. The third day he rose againe from death.

6. He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:

7. From that place shall he come to iudge the quick and the dead.

8. I beleve in the holy Ghost.

9. The holy Church universall.

10. The communion of Saints,

11. The forgiveness of sinnes,

12. The resurrection of the body, & lyfe everlastyng.

Q. Be what meanes doeth Gods Spirit work this Faith in yow?

A. Be the Word of God.

Q. What call ye the Word of God?

A. The holy Scripture of the Old and New Testament.

Q. Be what meanes doeth Gods Spirit confirme this Faith in yow?

A. By the same Word, and by the Sacraments.

Q. What call ye the Sacraments?

A. They ar visible signes and seales ordained of God for the confirmations of my Faith.

Q. How doe they confirme your Faith?

A. By receiving thame as pleadgis that Christ crucified (repentid and offered in thame) is given to me in particular to be my Saviour.

Q. How many Sacraments is thair?

A. Two, Baptisme and the Lords Supper.

Q. Why wes yee baptizid being ane infant?

A. That thereby I might be ingraft in Christ and intert in his Church, which is his mysticall body.

Q. What profite have ye by Baptisme now?

A. It seals up the remission of my sinnes in Christs blood; and advances the renovation of my heart in his Spirit: which ar my spirituall watching.

Q. What call ye the Lords Supper?

A. It is the Sacrament of my spirituall nourishment on the body and blood of Christ.

Q. How doe ye eat his body and drinke his blood?

A. By beleevyng assuredly that his bodie wes broken and his blood wes shed for me.

Q. What thankfulness owe ye to God for giving his Sonne to shed his blood for yow?

A. I ought to denie my self, and walke in his commandments all the dayes of my life.

Q. Rehearse the Commandements?

A. Harkin and take heed Israel, for I am the

Lord thy God who has brought thee out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage:

1. Thou shalt have no other Gods but me.

2. Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any graven Image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, nor in the earth beneath, nor in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down to thame, nor worship thame, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visiteth the sinnes of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of thame that hateth me, and sheweth mercie unto thousands of thame that love me, and keepe my commandments.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaine: for the Lord will not hold him guiltles that takes his Name in vaine.

4. Remember that thou keepe holie the Sabbath day. Six dayes shall thou labour and doe all that thou hast to doe: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt doe no manner of worke, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, thy cattell, nor the stranger that is within thy gates: for in six dayes the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

5. Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy dayes may be long in the land which the Lord thy God hath given thee.

6. Thou shalt doe no murder.

7. Thou shalt not commit adulterie.

8. Thou shalt not steale.

9. Thou shalt not beare false witness against thy neighbour.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbours wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his asse, nor any thing that is his.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these Lawes in our hearts we beseech thee.

Q. Which is the summe and effect of all these Commandements?

A. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, minde and strength, and thy neighbour as thy selfe.

Q. Is any man able to doe these things perfectly in this life?

A. None at all.

Q. Why so?

A. Because no man is perfectly sanctified in this life.

Q. Yet must not we prease to a perfectione in fulfilling of Gods commandments?

A. Doubtles, for otherways thair is nether faith nor feare of God in us.

Q. What must we doe then, when we breake anie of these commandments?

A. We must run to God by repentance & prayer.

Q. What call ye Repentance?

A. It is the turning of my heart to God with unfeigned sorrow for offending his goodnes, and a constant resolution to amend my life.

Q. What call ye prayer?

A. It is ane incalling of God in the Name of Christ for things belonging to Gods glorie and our necessitie.

Q. Why is it not lawfull to pray to creatures, as to Angels and Saints glorified?

A. Because God has commanded us to worship himselfe alone.

Q. Why must we pray onely in Christs name?

A. Because he is our onely Mediatour and Intercessor.

Q. How then shold we pray?

A. According to that pattern of prayer that our Saviour has set before us saying, when ye pray say:

O our Father which art in heaven:

1. Hallowed be thy Name.

2. Thy kingdome come.

3. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

4. Give us this day our daily bread.

5. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive thame that trespass against us.

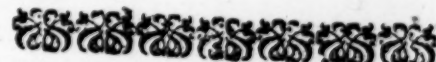
6. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdome, the power and the glorie, for ever and ever. Amen.

Q. How ar ye assured that God will heare your Prayers?

A. By Christs own word promising that what ever we aske the Father in his name, it shall be given us.

Q. What is the fruit of all this your religione and serving of God?

A. Whereby God is glorified, and I am saved, through Jesus Christ my Lord, to whom be everlastyng praise and glorie. Amen.



Prayers and Graces for young Children

Morning Prayer.

My gracious God, I blasse thee with my heart for thy fatherly providence, watching over me this night. And I beseech thee to continue thy mercie with me both this day and the whole course of my life, to the end, and in the end; that being alwayes guided by thy grace, and guarded by thy providence, I may spend this time of my pilgrimage in thy feare, and end it in thy favour, through Jesus Christ my blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Evening Prayer at going to Bed.

It is of thy undescribed mercie, O God, that I have passed this day in safety, without some notable inconvenience in those infinite dangers wherein I continually cast my selfe through my folly. Now I beseech thee (good Lord) let it please thee if thy gracious goodnes protect me all this night; and grant me quiet rest in soule and body, that I may better serve thee in both, through Jesus Christ my gracious Lord and Saviour. Amen.

I will both lay me downe in peace and sleepe: for thou Lord onlie makes me dwell in safety. Psal. 4. 8.

Grace before Meat.

Psal. 145. 15.

The eyes of all wait on thee (O Lord) and thou givest thame their meat in dew season: thou openest thy hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing (good Lord) blasse us and thine gifts which we receive of thy large liberality through Jesus Christ our Lord. So be it.

Ane other.

Pardon our sinnes (O God) and give us thy blessing with thy benedictions, that they may have strength to nourish us, and we may have grace to serve thee our gracious God in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Grace after Meat.

The God of glory and peace who has created & deemed us, and presently has fed us, be blisid to and ever. So be it.

Ane other.

Most mighty Lord and most mercifull Father, we praise thee heartily thanks for our bodily sustentation, requiring also most intierly thy gracious goodnes, so to feed us with the food of thy heavenly grace, that we may worthily glorifie thy name in this life, and after be partakers of thy everlastyng glorie, through Jesus Christ our Lord. So be it.

Ane other. Math. 4. 4.

Lord thou has said it and we beleve it, that man does not live by bread onely, but by every word that proceedis out of thy mouth: Therefore give us (we beseech thee) the blessing with thy benedictions, that in the strength of thy blessing this life being interpreted, we may spend it in thy service, till we attaine to life everlastyng, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

To any of these or the like Graces that shalbe said after meat, let these or the like prayers be added for the Church and for the King &c.

God save the Church universall, God comfort the afflicted, Lord increase our faith, O Lord for Christs sake, be mercifull to the common wealth, whair the Gospel is truly preached and barbaris granted to afflicted members of Christs body, and illuminat according to thy good pleasure all nations with the brightness of thy word. God save our most gracious King Charles, our Queene Mary, the hopefull prince Charles: Elizabeth, and her princely progenie, guard them from all hearts (O God) by thy grace that they may rule the people aright, to the terror of evil doers and the comfort of all those that feare thee and love thy truth. Amen.

A brieve of the Commands.

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Unto no Image bow thy knee.

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And sic that thou no murder doe.

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